

Report of Operative G T Purdy

Sept. 24th, 1926

## Hall-Mills

John J. Monagan, druggist, 124 Albany Street  
Miss Jane Torbett, 202 Redmond St., employed at Straus Stationery store  
at 341 George Street.  
George Leppert Jr., saloon at Remsen & Baldwin Streets.  
John Higgins, Taylor Candy Co., 70 Morris Ave., Newark, N.J. who was  
selling candy on punch boards at the saloon.  
May Hickey at 210 Easton Ave., New Brunswick, N.J.

Operative interviewed Mr. Monagan at his drug store, who stated that the story in the paper stating that he saw Henry Stevens in New Brunswick on September 14th, 1922 is just a false rumor. He never made such a statement or saw this man. He said he also confronted the Torbett girl in Somerville, who said she overheard some people talking about Stevens being in New Brunswick that night, but she could not remember who the people are or where and when she heard it.

Operative then interviewed Miss Jane Torbett at her place of employment, who stated that the papers had it all wrong and that she only mentioned the fact that she overheard some people talking in the drug store one day (she could not remember how long ago or who the people were). She stated that she was brought to Somerville and questioned by Underwood about the matter and that they took a statement from her as to what she had heard. (To me she seems the kind of person who is looking for a little publicity). She would not reveal the nature of her statement to the investigators for the State.

Operative then went to the saloon of George Lepperts at Remson Ave. and Baldwin St. and interviewed George Lepperts Jr., who stated that his mother and father are dead. He did not know much about Gillin's place, but there was a candy man in the saloon who spoke up and informed me that he was brought up in the home of Gillin's brother, the constable, who would not have anything to do with Stumpy Gillin, his brother. This man stated that he was raised from a baby in Joe Gilliland's home. This man, John Higgins remembered Stumpy Gilliland (which is their